

FOREWORD

"Miscel·lània Zoològica" has been, gradually and throughout the latest editions, putting into practice some of the requirements to update and improve its contents.

In this volume, not only the number of contributions has been increased, but new subjects have also been added to the traditional ones, characteristic to this journal, such as systematics, faunistics and zoogeography. In Spain, new lines of research are emerging following the development of biology and this accounts for the need to diversify the variety of subjects. Research on genetics, biochemistry, ethology and ecology of animal species is invaluable for the study of their taxonomy, evolution and distribution.

"Miscel·lània Zoològica" wishes to exemplify this process by updating and extending its subjects.

The diffusion of the journal has been improved by being abstracted and cited in many more international publications. This exchange of information will undoubtedly help our research.

From the editorial point of view, great care is taken in the form of the contributions and therefore, the Instructions for Authors have been renewed. It is necessary that authors follow these so as to aid the printing process.

Our desire is that from now on, volumes will be issued regularly in order to maintain the exchange with other journals, to provide continuous information to subscribers and institutions, and to guarantee authors prompt publication of their works.

We hope that throughout this and future editions we will cover all the stages needed to accomplish these purposes.

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